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from said ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between said first and second electrodes, and

when completing said drive voltage pulse, said drive circuit connects said first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from said ground power source so as to apply another drive voltage between the first and second electrodes.

3. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) A plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes, spaced apart from one another, and a ground power source and performing a display by generating a discharge between said first and second electrodes, said plasma display panel device comprising:

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a drive circuit that, when a drive voltage pulse is to be applied between said first and second electrodes, changes said first and second electrodes from a first state in which the first and second electrodes are connected to a first power source, different from said ground power source, to a second state in which the first or second electrode is connected to a second power source, different from said ground power source, so as to apply a drive voltage between said first and second electrodes .

7. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) A plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes, spaced apart from one another, and a ground power source and performing a display by generating a discharge between said first and second electrodes, said plasma display panel device comprising:

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a drive circuit that, when a drive voltage pulse is to be applied between said first and second electrodes, changes said first and second electrodes from a first state in which the first and second electrodes are respectively connected to first and second power sources, different from said ground power source, to a second state in which the first or second electrode is connected to a third power source, different from said ground power source, so as to apply a drive voltage between the two electrodes .

8. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) The plasma display panel device according to claim 7, wherein:

said drive circuit returns said first and second electrodes to the first state, of being connected to said first or second power source, upon completion of the application of said drive voltage pulse .

22. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) A plasma display panel device that performs a display by generating a discharge between first and second electrodes spaced adjacently along a display line, said plasma display panel device comprising:

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a control circuit, connected to a ground power source, generating a control signal; and

a drive circuit that drives said first and second electrodes in response to said control signal wherein, when a drive voltage pulse is to be applied between said first and said second electrodes, said drive circuit supplies a start voltage of said drive voltage pulse between said first and second electrodes by connecting said first or second electrode to a first power source that is different from said ground power source, and supplies an end voltage of said drive voltage pulse between said first and second electrodes by connecting said first or second electrode to a second power source that is different from said ground power source .

24. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) A method for driving a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes, spaced apart from one another, and a ground power source and performing display by generating a discharge between said first and second electrodes, comprising:

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when applying a drive voltage pulse between said first and second electrodes, connecting said first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from said ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between said first and second electrodes; and

when completing said drive voltage pulse, connecting said first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from said ground power source so as to apply another drive voltage between the first and second electrodes.

26. (AS THRICE AMENDED HEREIN) A method of driving a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes provided apart from one another and a ground power source, and performing a display by generating a discharge between said first and second electrodes, wherein:

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when a drive voltage is to be applied between said first and second electrodes, said first and second electrodes are changed from a state in which the first and second electrodes are connected to a first power source, different from said ground power source, to a state in which the first or second electrode is connected to a second power source, different from said ground